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| <p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p> |
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I. Basis of the report

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- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
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- ☐ the claims:
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- ☐ the drawings:
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- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig. _____

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-12</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-12</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-12</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention relates to an apparatus for providing routing of asynchronous traffic in a DTM network.

When transferring asynchronous traffic through a circuit-switched synchronous time division multiplexed network, such as a DTM network, a routing mechanism is needed. The routing mechanism is typically provisioned by a dedicated router station, either directly connected to the DTM network or indirectly connected to the DTM network via, e.g. an Ethernet link connecting the router station to a DTM access device. Providing dedicated router station is expensive, thus there is a need for a routing solution in a DTM network which do not incorporate dedicated router stations.

The invention provides a routing solution for a DTM network that does not incorporate dedicated router stations. Instead a circuit board to be connected to a switch core comprises an interface for receiving/transmitting input/output DTM channels from/to the switch core; means for deriving at least a portion of a data packet received, divided into DTM time slots, in one of said DTM channels; routing means, for selecting, based upon at least a portion of a data packet, if said data packet is to be transmitted in one ore more of said output DTM channels and, if so, which one or more of said DTM channels said data packet is to be transmitted to; output means for providing one or more output DTM channels with said data packet, divided into DTM time slots, in accordance with the selection of output DTM channels by said routing means.

The following documents have been cited in the International Search Report:

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Supplemental Box

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D1: C. Bohm et al., "The DTM Gigabit Network", Journal of High Speed Networks, vol. 3, 1994, pp. 109-126

D2: WO, 9703526, A2

D3: WO, 9417617, A1

D4: WO, 9501031, A1

D5: WO, 9312625, A1

D6: US, 5144619, A

D1 introduces DTM, a circuit-switched synchronous time division multiplexed network architecture.

Document D2 discloses a telecommunications facility for transporting data packets having headers and payloads between a plurality of input ports and a plurality of output ports. A concentrator for multiplexing payloads into an incoming data stream and headers into an incoming header stream is provided. A memory controller, responsive to information contained in the headers in the incoming header stream, generates queue control information for relating each data packet to one of a plurality of output ports and generates headers in the outgoing header stream for packets destined for any of the output ports as well as scheduling information. A distributor directs outgoing headers from an outgoing header stream along with respective payloads from an outgoing payload stream to those of the output ports to which the data packets are destined. A buffer, responsive to the incoming data stream and to the queue control information, queues the payload of each related data packet into a queue associated with the output port to which the payload is destined. The buffer also selects and transfers the queued payload data units of each data packet into an intermediate data stream. A time slot switch receives a frame of payloads from the intermediate data stream and reorders data units from selected payloads into a switched data stream, in response to time slot switching information. The time slot switch also multiplexes reordered data units of a preceding frame of payloads from the switched data stream with the un-selected payloads of data from the intermediate data stream into the outgoing data stream, in response to the scheduling information from the memory controller.

Document D3 discloses an ATM switch, which may be modified to provide a predetermined delay when transmitting information cells, thereby enabling isochronous traffic.

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Document D4 discloses a method for avoiding conflicts in a switch core, thereby eliminating the need for cell buffers in the core. Cells are directed through the core by means of tags. A tag is a routing information preceding each cell. Tagging is carried through in the ports. Each tag contains routing information which is not related to the immediately arriving cell, but to some cell following thereafter, thus the cells are delayed in the ports. Processing of the routing information is carried through in the core, after which scheduling information is fed back to the ports.

Document D5 discloses a combined packet and circuit switch.

Document D6 discloses a common memory switch for routing digital information signals on a plurality of switch input channels to selected ones of a like plurality of switch output channels. The signals comprising fixed length digital data cells comprising either ATM cells or STM words, a header having routing information, and a flag which indicates that the cell includes an ATM cell or a STM word.

The invention claimed in claims 1-12 is novel and shows industrial applicability. It is not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art to arriving at the invention departing from any one, or any combination, of documents D1-D6. Consequently, the invention claimed in claims 1-12 is considered to involve an inventive step.

The diagram shows a system architecture with the following components and connections:

- Component 1:** An input at the bottom center.
- Component 113:** A rectangular block within a dashed box, receiving input from 1.
- Component 114:** A rectangular block within a dashed box, receiving input from 113.
- Component 111:** A dashed box enclosing components 113 and 114.
- Component 13:** An output from component 114.
- Component 2:** A line from component 113 leading to component 115.
- Component 115:** A rectangular block on the left.
- Component 3:** A line from component 115 leading to component 120.
- Component 4:** A line from component 115 leading to component 119.
- Component 5:** A line from component 115 leading to component 118 (a cylinder).
- Component 6:** A line from component 115 leading to component 117.
- Component 7:** A line from component 118 leading to component 117.
- Component 8:** A line from component 117 leading to component 116.
- Component 9:** A line from component 116 leading to component 119.
- Component 10:** A line from component 116 leading to component 120.
- Component 11:** A line from component 116 leading to component 119.
- Component 12:** A line from component 116 leading to component 120.
- Component 14:** A line from component 120 leading to component 119.
- Component 116:** A rectangular block on the right.
- Component 117:** A rectangular block in the center.
- Component 118:** A cylinder (database) in the center.
- Component 119:** A rectangular block in the center.
- Component 120:** A rectangular block at the top.

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The diagram illustrates a system architecture with the following components and connections:

- Component 110:** A dashed-line enclosure containing components 113 and 114.
- Component 113:** A rectangular block within the dashed enclosure.
- Component 114:** A rectangular block within the dashed enclosure.
- Component 115:** A rectangular block on the left side of the main system.
- Component 116:** A rectangular block on the right side of the main system.
- Component 117:** A rectangular block in the lower-middle section.
- Component 118:** A cylindrical database symbol in the upper-middle section.
- Component 119:** A large rectangular block in the upper-middle section.
- Component 120:** A rectangular block at the top center.
- Component 121:** A rectangular block at the bottom center.

Connections:

- 1:** An input arrow pointing into component 113.
- 2:** An arrow pointing from component 113 to component 115.
- 3:** An arrow pointing from component 115 to component 120.
- 4:** An arrow pointing from component 120 to component 115.
- 5:** An arrow pointing from component 115 to component 119.
- 6:** An arrow pointing from component 115 to component 117.
- 7:** A double-headed arrow connecting component 118 and component 117.
- 8:** An arrow pointing from component 117 to component 116.
- 9:** An arrow pointing from component 116 to component 119.
- 10:** An arrow pointing from component 119 to component 116.
- 11:** An arrow pointing from component 114 to component 116.
- 12:** An arrow pointing from component 116 to component 115.
- 13:** An output arrow pointing away from component 114.
- 14:** An arrow pointing from component 116 to component 120.

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